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SUBJ: FRENCH ASSISTANCE FOR POTENTIAL AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS
IN VIETNAM

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1. EMBASSY NOTES CHAYET'S SUGGESTION (PARA 2 REFTEL) THAT ALL PETITIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION FOR PERSONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM BE HELD BY AMEMBASSY BANGKOK. THEREFORE, UNLESS DEPARTMENT DIRECTS OTHERWISE BY APRIL 15 WE PLAN TO FORWARD THE FEW PETITIONS HELD HERE TO EMBASSY BANGKOK.

2. ACCORDING TO PARA 4 REFTEL, CHAYET SUGGESTS WE GO BACK TO THE FRENCH AFTER WE HAVE EXPLORED THE SUBJECT FURTHER IN OUR OWN CONTACTS WITH THE VIETNAMESE. HOWEVER, CHAYET ALSO OBSERVES THAT IN SOME CASES IT MIGHT STILL BE EASIER FOR THE PERSON ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE VIETNAM TO CLAIM HE WOULD BE JOINING RELATIVES IN FRANCE (PARA 3 REFTEL). SINCE ALL PETITIONERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES HERE WRITE AND SEND FUNDS TO RELATIVES IN VIETNAM IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THEIR RELATIVES TO CLAIM WITH ANY CREDIBILITY THAT THEY ARE JOINING RELATIVES IN FRANCE. CONSEQUENTLY, IT WOULD SEEM THAT THIS OPTION IS NOT
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REALLY FEASIBLE IN THOSE CASES WITH WHICH WE ARE FAMILIAR. CERTAINLY EMBASSY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING IN WHAT CASES, OTHER THAN THOSE HOLDING A THIRD COUNTRY PASSPORT, THE FRENCH CAN FACILITATE OBTAINING A VIETNAMESE EXIT PERMIT.

3. SINCE IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THE FRENCH WILL BE IN A POSITION TO FACILITATE THE CASES WE ARE FORWARDING TO EMBASSY

BANGKOK, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT,
IF ANY, PROCEDURES CAN BE FOLLOWED TO PURSUE THESE CASES
PENDING THE OUTCOME OF OUR OWN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE VIETNAMESE.
SHOULD WE ADVISE PETITIONERS WHO HAVE AMCIT DEPENDENTS IN VIETNAM
TO APPEAL TO THE RED CROSS WITH VIEW TO HAVING THEIR DEPENDENTS
PLACED ON RED CROSS LIST OR CAN WE ASSUME THAT AMEMBASSY
BANGKOK WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION? GRANT

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